

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)  
Councillors J Andrews, M Burn, P Gibson, E Hopper, J Lee, T Murray, J Smith and M Warin

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor A Surtees and Mr N Frain

EVPC **Apologies for Absence**  
14/15/075 There were no apologies for absence received.

EVPC **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
14/15/076 Councillor J Andrews declared a personal interest in item 11 (a) as she lives next door to the property.

EVPC **Public Participation**  
14/15/077 Mr N Frain spoke about the forthcoming County Durham Plan Pre Hearing meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014. He also mentioned the problem of fly tipping at Andrews Hill.

EVPC **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014**  
14/15/078 **RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC **Matters Arising**  
14/15/079

EVPC **Police Matters** – The Clerk had contacted the Police  
14/15/053 with regard to the van parking on the Village Green.

EVPC **Tree Reduction** – The Clerk had submitted the  
14/15/058 necessary planning application.

EVPC **Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership** –  
14/15/064 The Clerk had forwarded the cheque.

EVPC **East Durham Community Transport Ltd** – The  
14/15/065 Clerk had forwarded the cheque.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC **Police Matters**  
14/15/080 The Police were unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report which highlighted incidents that had taken place over the last month. Members highlighted the problem of parking on the village green outside of the Methodist Church.

Members expressed concern about traffic problems along Mill Terrace, Craig Terrace leading onto North Terrace and the lack of signage along Stockton Road, particularly after the bridge.

County Councillor Surtess advised she would take the traffic issues up with the County Council's Highways Department and organise a site meeting to look at the areas of concern.

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk forward the concerns regarding the parking on the village green to the police

EVPC  
14/15/081

### **Report of the County Councillors**

County Councillor Surtees updated Members on the following:-

- Road surfacing to the rear of Craig Terrace was on the maintenance programme
- The road sweeper had been out along North Terrace
- Over grown vegetation had been reported along The Garth and was scheduled for work to be undertaken
- The Nature Reserve at Easington Colliery had been supported by English Nature
- Funding had been given by both County Councillors for a Summer Activities Programme for the Easington Division
- Seating at Little Thorpe – this was Durham County Council land. However, a seat could not be placed in this area due to the risk of an accident
- Demolition of Village Club site – no formal planning application had been submitted
- Fly-tipping problems had been reported in the Petwell Lane area and Andrews Hill
- Scap vans are not licensed and a yellow badge should be displayed in the van window. Any problems with vans, either licensed or otherwise, could be reported via County Councillors
- Pot holes at Durham Lane near the Half Moon Public House were due for a re-inspection.
- She was in the process of having the former Kings Head site being registered on the Council's blight list

A Member reported that he had received information that a traveller site had been identified at the former Fisher Price site. Councillor Surtees advised she was not aware that this area had been identified for such use, however, she would investigate further and report back to the Parish Council.

Another Member enquired about progress on new bins for Easington Village CE Primary School. Councillor Surtees advised she would investigate and report back.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
14/15/082

### **Seaton Holme – Boiler**

The Clerk updated Members with regard to the broken back boiler in the Library Room. The fire and back boiler had been removed and she was awaiting final repair costs.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
14/15/083

### **Report of the Cemetery Superintendent**

Members gave consideration to the report of the Cemetery Superintendent which had previously been circulated. A Member stated that he felt that the planting scheme was not as colourful as previous years and that the hanging baskets were late in being displayed. The Clerk advised that due to staff shortages it had taken longer for the bedding plants to be planted. The hanging baskets had been planted up and left on the Parish Council premises until they had been established.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
14/15/084

### **In-Bloom Committee**

Councillor Morton advised that that the planting of the In-Bloom's containers was now complete. The Northumbria in Bloom judging was to be undertaken on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC  
14/15/085

### **Play Equipment Report**

The Clerk advised that the repairs identified were scheduled to be carried out. Members gave consideration to the areas recommending the play area be fenced off and signage installed. The Clerk advised that she could obtain costs for such, however, Members agreed that this information was only a recommendation and not be acted upon on this occasion.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
14/15/086

### **Fencing Village Green**

The Clerk advised Members that repairs had been undertaken to replace some of the fencing at the village green. Upon inspection some of the areas would soon need replacing. Members felt that quotations should be obtained for replacement of the fencing and costs obtained for fencing all areas of the Green.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk obtain quotations for replacement fencing of the Village and additional areas of the Village Green too.

EVPC  
14/15/087

### **Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.06.14**

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 30.06.14 were £142,643.96 in the Savings Account and £2,535.00 in the Current Account totalling £144,756.96.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
14/15/088

### **Income and Expenditure Report to 30.06.14**

The Clerk updated Members on the Council's income and expenditure.

**RESOLVED:** that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC  
14/15/089

### **Bank Transfers**

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for June were £8880.72 from the Savings Account and £2535.00 from the Current Account.

**RESOLVED:** to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC  
14/15/090

### **Invoices for Endorsement for Payment**

**RESOLVED:** to ENDORSE the following invoices for payment, together with payments of donations/petty cash/payroll as previously agreed:-

**INVOICES – JUNE 2014**

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
13.06.14	Plants R Ross	40x bags compost	£160.00	105847
27.06.14	IOS Limited	Files/Stamps	£67.39	105848
30.06.14	ITC Services Ltd	IT Equipment	£1457.71	105849
02.07.14	Plants R Ross	Plant Food	£9.98	105850
09.07.14	Connect Net	Line Check & Upgrade Socket – Cemetery Phone	£45.00	105851
10.07.14	IOS	Stationery – Black Bags	£137.92	105852
04.07.14	K T Training	IOS Course	£57.60	105853
12.06.14	Barclays	Bank Charges – Apr/May	£6.00	DD
01.06.14	N-Power	Seaton Holme – Electricity	£351.00	DD
17.06.14	Payroll	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Payments – Month 2	£2199.19	DD
30.06.14	Payroll	Month 3 - Nett Wages	£5365.81	DD
01.06.14	Scottishpower	Cemetery – Electricity	£1.00	DD
01.06.14	Scottishpower	St Mary’s Church – Electricity	£16.00	DD
11.06.14	Unicom	Telephone/Broadband	£85.66	DD
25.06.14	Northumbrian Water	Seaton Holme Water	£587.07	DD
02.07.14	Northumbrian Water	Water Rates – Cemetery	£49.01	DD
09.07.14	Unicom	Telephone/Broadband	£90.11	DD
		<b>Invoice Total for June 2014</b>	£10686.45	

- 105843 – Easington Colliery Regeneration – S.137 Donation - £200
- 105844 – East Durham Community Transport – S.137 Donation - £50
- 105845 – Petty Cash - £96.00
- 105846 – Petty Cash - £300.00

EVPC  
14/15/091

**June 2014**

Name	Description	Amount
Women Aglow	Affiliation Fee	£30.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£36.00
R Denaloy	Cem Fees	£132.00
Scotts	Cem Fees	£13.00
D Pegg	Cem Fees	£120.00
Millenium Luncheon Club	Room Hire	£100.00
Andrew Gill	Hire of Gallery	£20.00
W.I.	Room Hire	£28.00
Woman Aglow	Room Hire	£24.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£40.00
Member of public	Building Hire	£300.00
U3A	Room Hire	£10.00
Durham C.C	Funding	£200.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£20.00
Member of public	Cem Fees	£60.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£36.00
W.I.	Room Hire	£70.00
Dalton Homes	Rent/Room Hire	£2200.00
R Shelton	Room Hire	£75.00
Durham County Council	Room Hire	£60.00
	Total Income	£3574.00

**RESOLVED:** that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
14/15/092

**Easington Children's Centre**

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from Easington Children's Centre toward a Family Fun Day over the summer.

**RESOLVED:** that a donation of £20 be GRANTED under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC  
14/15/093

**County Durham & Cleveland Training Partnership – Planning in County Durham**

Members gave consideration to attendance at a Planning in County Durham Workshop at County Hall, Durham on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 6.00 pm.

**RESOLVED:** that no-one was available to attend.

EVPC  
14/15/094

**IOSH Course (Health and Safety)**

The Clerk advised that in consultation with the Chairman she had enrolled on the above 4 day course and had organised a substantial reduction in the cost with the training provider.

**RESOLVED:** that the actions of the Clerk be ENDORSED in attending the IOSH Course.

EVPC  
14/15/095

**NEREO – Chairing Skills for Elected Members**

Members gave consideration to attending the above course on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at a venue to be arranged at a cost of £70 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED:** that no-one was available to attend.

***Councillor J Andrews left the Meeting***

EVPC  
14/15/096

**Planning Applications**

DM/14/01693/FPA – Proposed Erection of Detached House with Double Garage and Balcony at 2 Stonelea Court, Easington for Mr and Mrs Plummer

DM/14/01285/FPA – Proposed Demolition of Stable and Replacement of General Purpose Building and Stable at Low Ling Close Farm for Mr P Lamplough

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk write to Durham County Council with regarding to application DM/14/01693/FPA requesting that the concerns highlighted by the Highways Section of Durham County Council be adhered too

***Councillor Andrews returned to the meeting.***

EVPC  
14/15/097

**Planning Approvals**

There had been no planning approvals received.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
14/15/098

**Planning Refusals**

There were no planning refusals.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

- EVPC  
14/15/099  
**Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**  
There were no planning applications withdrawn  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC  
14/15/100  
**Planning Appeals**  
There were no planning appeals.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC  
14/15/101  
**Samaritans**  
Members gave consideration to a letter of thanks received from The Samaritans for the Parish Council's donation.  
**RESOLVED:** that the correspondence be RECEIVED.
- EVPC  
14/15/102  
**East Durham Community Transport Ltd**  
Members gave consideration to a letter of thanks received from East Durham Community Transport Ltd for the Parish Council's donation.  
**RESOLVED:** that the correspondence be RECEIVED.
- EVPC  
14/15/103  
**Durham County Council (Easington, Easington Colliery and South Hetton) (Prohibition of Waiting and Loading/Unloading Order 2010 (Amendment No.1) Order 2014**  
Members gave consideration to the correspondence received.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC  
14/15/104  
**Plants R Ross – Easington Village Parish Council Facebook**  
Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Plants R Ross regarding the promotion of local business on the Parish Council's Facebook Page. The Clerk advised Members that only events that where held at Seaton Holme or those from voluntary groups were displayed on the Facebook Page.  
**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk reply to Plants R Ross advising that the Council's procedure as detailed above would still apply.
- EVPC  
14/15/105  
**The County Durham Plan**  
Members gave consideration to the attendance at the Pre-Hearing Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014.  
**RESOLVED:** that the Chairman and/or Councillor Murray would advise the Clerk if they were to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- EVPC  
14/15/106  
**St Mary's Church Floodlights**  
The Clerk advised that she had received a verbal request for the Parish Council to fund the replacement/repair of the Church Floodlights. She had advised that a request in writing be supplied.  
**RESOLVED:** that this matter be considered further once further information was received.
- EVPC  
14/15/107  
**Durham County Council – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places**  
Members gave consideration to correspondence received.  
**RESOLVED:** that subject to there being a polling station for people to access at the lower part of the village then no comments be made.

EVPC  
14/15/109

**Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Councillor Murray updated Members on the Credit Union and that it had now merged with Gateshead and Durham City Credit Unions.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
14/15/110

**LGPS Regulations – Employers Discretions**

Members gave consideration to the policy which had been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED:** to ADOPT the Employers Discretions Policy.

EVPC  
14/15/111

**Annual Leave Procedure**

Members gave consideration to the Annual Leave Procedure for Parish Council employees which had been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council ADOPT the Procedure.

EVPC  
14/15/112

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman .....

Date .....